President's reply.—The subject you have spoken about was urged at the last session of the Assembly. New roads, jetties and ghats within municipal limits should be taken up by the respective Municipal Councils. The Municipality should submit schemes and, if it is not able to finance the works itself, it may start correspondence with the Government with a view to arrive at an understanding as to the proportion of the cost to be borne by either. It is only when sufficient money is not forthcoming for the purpose from municipal funds that the Government should be approched.

As regards the construction of jetties, since they are within municipal limits, the subject should be moved first in the Municipal Council and a resolution of that body should be forwarded to the Government.

Similarly, the metalling of the Idanazhi road has also to be considered in the first instance by the Municipal Council.

60. Opening of the Avanisvaram—Anchal road.

Mr. Krishnaru Damodararu (Member, Kottarakara taluk) represented that the eastern portions of the Kottarakara taluk suffered badly from lack of means of communication and that a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal was a great necessity. He said that there was no direct access to the villages beyond Vettikkavala. The people in the western *pakuthies* got their supply of paddy from the eastern parts and owing to the absence of a good road in those parts the cost of paddy was getting prohibitive. He had brought to the notice of the Government the crying need of the above road on several previous occasions and the Government had already sanctioned the work; but nothing had been done to give practical effect to that sanction. He requested that the work might be taken up at once.

President's reply.—As you have said, the opening of a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal is reported to be necessary. Provision will be made for the work in the next year's budget.

61. Facilities for communication in the Kartikapalli taluk.

Mr. V. Ramakrishna Panikkar (Member, Kartikapalli taluk) first stated that there was a proposal among the members to celebrate the Twentieth Assembly Day in a fitting manner and that he expressed the hope that the Government would co-operate with the organisers and lend them every help to make the function a success. He then congratulated the Officer in charge of the Administration for the rare privilege of being called upon to conduct the deliberations of the Assembly.

Coming to the subject of his representation, the Member said that his taluk—Kartikapalli—was one of the most important in point of revenue and population, but that it suffered from lack of good means of communication. Though Government had often given favourable replies to representations on the subject at previous sessions of the Assembly, nothing had yet been done to effect any improvement in that direction. He did not want any new works for his taluk; he only prayed for the improvement of the existing roads and canals.

The following works were referred to by the Member:—

(1) *Tottapalli road.*—That was a section of the Alleppey-Quilon road. He heard that that work had to be stopped last year, as the funds allotted for the same had been diverted for some other work. He wished to see that the work was completed at least during the current year.

(2) *Kartikapalli-Trikunnappuzha road.*—He said that, if that road was constructed, the isolated nature of his taluk would be a thing of the past. The road was only two miles long. It had to be gravelled, and a bridge and three culverts had to be provided.

(3) *Nangiarkulangara-Kayankulam road.*—That was a short cut from Haripad to Kayankulam. He learnt that provision had been made for the work in the current year's budget. He only prayed that the amount might not be diverted for other works and that the work might be completed as soon as possible.

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